



News Release

Health and Social Services Minister announces decentralized positions in Kugluktuk

Kugluktuk, Nunavut (August 30, 2000) – Health and Social Services Minister Ed Picco is in Kugluktuk today to announce a proposal to locate between 10-12 departmental positions in the community.

“This plan responds to the most urgent requirements in our health and social services system, namely providing support to community-based staff and community-level activities,” Minister Picco said.

Under the plan, Kugluktuk will become the Operations and Practice Unit for Health and Social Services. The Unit will include experienced professionals focused on educational and professional support and operational policy for the full range of health and social services careers. The plan includes positions dedicated to developing strategies, information and materials for use by staff, community partners, volunteers and community groups.

There will be a Project Manager position to manage a series of time-limited projects that Nunavut’s new system will undertake during the next five years. A Medical Director/Director of Telehealth, located in Iqaluit, will also be part of the team supporting professional practice in Nunavut.

“This will create a whole new way of supporting services in Nunavut communities,” Minister Picco said.

Minister Picco added that Kugluktuk residents could fill a number of positions initially, while others will involve training and development plans. He noted there are other positions that will create long-term technical and professional employment goals for Kugluktuk residents. Job descriptions should be completed by late October.

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